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AID FOR HAWAIIAN COFFEE.

If Congress grants a bounty of four cents, or even of two cents on Hawaiian-grown coffee, an industry which started fairly but has been languishing for years, will receive a special impetus. That Hawaii can grow a superior coffee in many, if not all of its shaded upland districts, has been proved over and over again. At present it is exporting a small but excellent crop. The trouble with the business, however, exemplifies the damage which can be visited upon any agricultural industry of the United States by a policy of free trade in farm products and which is especially severe upon small agricultural undertakings. Coffee enters the United States without duty and as a result the prosperity and development of this American Territory are deeply affected. The mainland farmer of any State or Territory has protection for his corn, wheat, vegetables, fruit, timber, eggs, cider, wine, live stock and everything else he raises; why then, should the farmer of this outlying Territory be deprived of the same or a similar safeguard? The only answer is that it would be asking too much to tax every breakfast table in the United States for the benefit of a few coffee-growers in Hawaii. But such things have been done for an hundred infant industries with a view of aiding in their growth and making the country self-supporting. Protection was not devised to add to the profits of great established industries, but to build up small ones into gigantic elements of national strength. Here in Hawaii is a small one which carries the potential germ of growth. Have we not the right to ask that it be nourished and conserved as other such industries are?

The next best thing to direct protection is a bounty, and for this Hawaii is now working with Senatorial assistance. By granting it Congress will not make a dear breakfast table; it will help make Hawaii the abode of an American middle class; it will violate no precedent. Bounties have, within a few years past, been granted to beet sugar growers and even to maple sugar growers. A pending bill would grant them to American-built ships. The principle is thoroughly national; and its application should not be restricted to one kind of a useful small industry over another kind.

DEATH IN CHINESE GIFTS.

Last winter, during the Chinese New Year, a case of contagious disease, which need not be diagnosed here, resulted in the death of Miss Desha, a pupil at the Kawaiahae Seminary. Nothing was said about it in print at the time but the circumstances were such as to warrant public reference to it now.

In following up the chain of infection it appeared that the girl had eaten Chinese sweetmeats, which had been distributed by Oriental employees of the Seminary as is the custom at the New Year season. These "dainties," which were originally packed in some dirty place in Canton, Hongkong or Shanghai and then sent to a purveyor of our own Chinatown, carried the germs of one of the most dreaded of Oriental diseases. How many lives beside that of the little Desha girl have been sacrificed to the hospitable customs of Konah, the Advertiser has no means of knowing; but there was at least one other last year.

In self-defence, the people of this city should decline gifts of food or sweets from Chinatown during the coming celebration.

LEPERS AND TRANSPORTATION LINES.

The land and ocean transportation lines have an interest in defeating the bill for the deportation of mainland lepers to Hawaii.

Tourists and other travellers are not likely to choose the vessels of a line known to be in the lazaretto business. Nor are people willing to travel on railroads which convey persons suffering from infectious or contagious diseases. It is possible that, as common carriers, the lines could be compelled to accept such passengers so, in their own defence, it would be wise in them to urge their friends at Washington to secure the defeat of any measure based on the looper recommendations of the Mitchell Commission.

Mexico, by letting Chinese into Lower California so that they can smuggle themselves into the country over the San Diego line—an industry which is said to be profitable to Mexican officials—is getting payment in the coin of disease. The bubonic plague has now appeared in Ensenada and if care is not taken it may spread among the peons and Cocopah Indians who frequent that little seaport and even invade the Mexican mainland.

The Sunday Advertiser will go to your home if you take the trouble to order it in advance. Some people waited until after the event and missed the first number. Next Sunday's issue will be full of agreeable features and should be subscribed for at once if its delivery is wanted.

A GENERAL STAFF.

The use of a general staff such as is provided for in the bill which has just passed the House, is to modernize an army and make it thoroughly efficient. If the present measure becomes a law the President will be able to choose the ablest soldier in the service as chief of staff, who will exercise the highest military authority next to that of the Executive. His relation to the President will be like that of Von Moltke to the King of Prussia in the Franco-German war. At present seniority brings the highest command with the result that a man who has kept himself alive and well longest in the service gains a responsibility which ought, for the good of the country, to be vested in younger and abler men. Under the proposed new system the President has, at his immediate disposal, the best talent of the army. It is an advantage the country would appreciate in case of war especially at a time when, under seniority, the command would automatically go to Dr. Leonard Wood of Santiago or to General Funston of Kansas.

Another useful change will be the acquisition of a group of the ablest officers who will have nothing else to do than to work out problems of offence and defence. The German staff is so highly organized that it would know precisely what to do if war should break out tomorrow in a totally unexpected quarter. It is related as an historical fact that when an aide awoke Von Moltke and told him that France had declared war, he merely said: "Take the third portfolio to the left," whereupon he turned over and again went to sleep. The portfolio, prepared years before and revised from time to time, contained minute directions, with orders properly signed, for the invasion of France. The next day the Prussian armies began to move. Had the attack come from Russia or Austria or from any non-contiguous power, some other portfolio would have been ready with the necessary orders and instructions.

It is to secure a state of military preparation like this that the general staff bill was formulated. That the measure will become a law may be inferred from the fact of its passage in the lower House where opposition was more likely to arise than in the Senate.

The Dowager Empress of China has gazetted General Miles as an Admiral. This is said to have been done to "save her face" from the stigma of receiving a foreign soldier. It may be added that the ranks of General and Admiral are practically interchangeable in China, the late Admiral Ting having been given flag rank because of his success as a General of Cavalry in Manchuria.

The men who deliberately misled the Senators when they were here are the ones to bear the blame of the present pillikia.

MAY ESTABLISH BRANCH HOUSE

F. H. Johnson, representing the big packing firm of Frye, Bruhne & Co., of Seattle, is in town looking over the ground to determine whether or not his company will establish a branch house in Honolulu. Mr. Johnson has been here about three weeks, and has not fully made up his mind as to what course he will recommend to his firm. The firm made its entry in Honolulu business by the shipment of packing-house goods on the Tampico. The refrigerator department of this vessel has proven so capable of preserving meats that all their shipments have arrived here in first-class condition, and this caused the firm to send Mr. Johnson to personally look into requirements here for packing-house goods.

Should Mr. Johnson take a favorable view of the situation a small branch house may be opened. Otherwise, their business may be handled by F. L. Waldron, the commission broker.

LAND FOR SUGAR CULTIVATION

The Honolulu Plantation has acquired the leasehold interest of two valuable tracts of sugar land at Moanalua from S. M. Damon, the leases having been filed this week at the registrar's office. One tract of land is leased by Mr. Damon for sixteen years at \$2300 per year. The tract comprises 117 acres. The second tract has 240 acres and the annual rental is \$4400. The plantation is not allowed to take any water from the land and it is to be used for cultivation only. There is a right given also to take coral lime rock and sand from adjoining lands.

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BACK TO CANE FIELDS IS PLAN

"Back to the fields," is the plan on which the committees of the Trades Council, the Builders and Traders' Exchange and the Merchants' Association are progressing in their preliminary actions in regard to the proposed census of the Oriental population of the city of Honolulu. The idea animating the men who have taken up the matter decidedly is that it will show that there are several thousands of men in the city who might just as well or better be on the plantations.

The committee which has been appointed for the purpose of ascertaining just how many Orientals are in the city, has found already that it faces a harder proposition than was supposed when it began its work. The fact that none of the many plans which have been proposed gives exactly the number of men who are able for field work is one of the drawbacks and consequently the people who have the matter in hand believe that they will have to ask that the Legislature take up the work and provide that one of the departments of the government furnish the needed information.

One member of the committee stated yesterday that he was of opinion that there are now in Honolulu not less than 8,000 men who might be on the plantations, and some who would be forced to go there if the avenues of labor in the city were closed to them. Of this number it is the belief that 3,000 could be forced back to the country, through the passage of laws which would make it impossible for them to compete with white or native labor.

There are now being prepared a series of building laws which have for their object the elevation of the standard of building work and this it is thought will make the chances for the Oriental tradesmen to secure work much harder and perhaps make it impossible.

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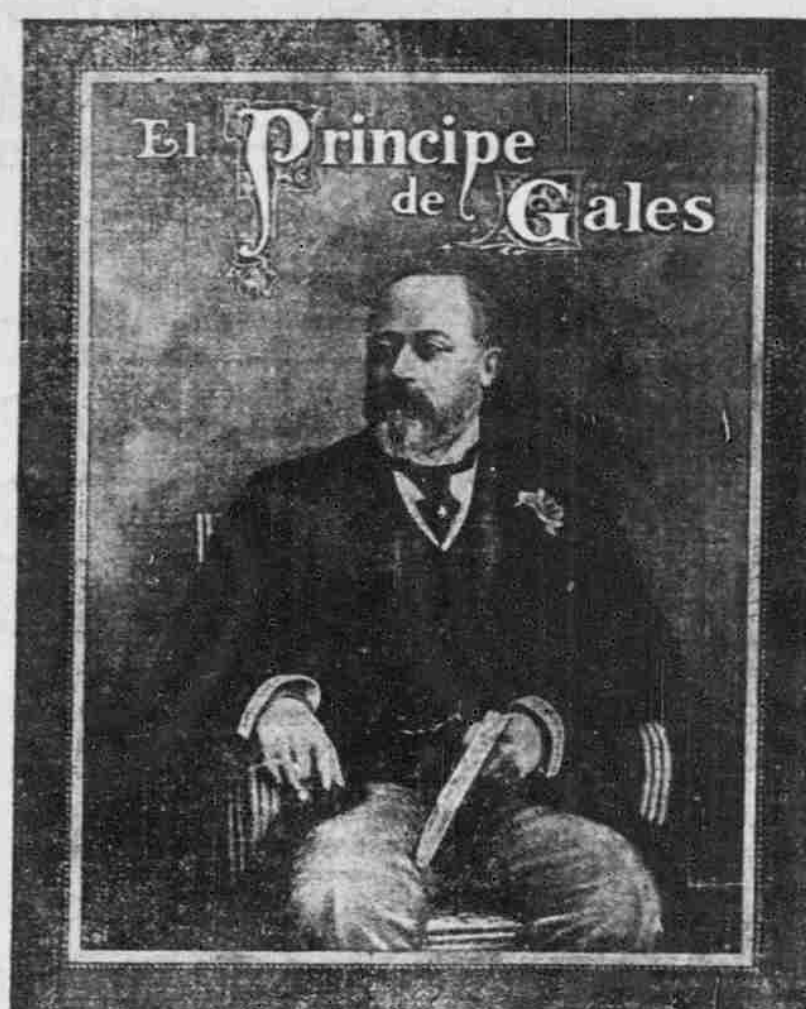
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